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HOUSING PROBLEM

HAS WORRIED ME SICK AND SEE WHAT SAM IS SENDING ME'

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NAVY PLANE FAILS TO FIND TRACE OF

Reports of Sighting Near **British Samoa Are** Discounted.

FURTHER HUNT PLANNED WITH SURFACE VESSEL

Pan-American Headquarters Scout Fears Plane Had Burned. Apprehension Grows.

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 (AP).—The Navy today notified Pan-American Airways, which is seeking its missing Samoan clipper, that an oil slick was discovered 12 miles west of Pago Pago and that a Navy launch was recovering parts of wreckage. "Identification satisfactory," said the unsigned message to the Navy.

By the Associated Press. PAGO PAGO. Tutuila. American Samoa, Jan. 12.-A Navy plane, after two flights in futile efforts to locate the missing Samoan Clipper and its crew of seven, charted a further search today with the aid of a surface vessel. Reports that the clipper was sighted affoat 74 miles due west of Apia British Samoa, were received from Dunedin, New Zealand, but the concensus here was that disaster, possibly from a midair explosion, might have

overtaken the craft. misconstruction of first unconfirmed reports the Clipper was down at Apia.

(Pan-American headquarters in San Francisco, discounting the belief the plane had burned, said a Navy plane would take off again at dawn in attempts to find the Clipper. Samoan time is four hours behind Pacific Standard time. The International Date Line is beyond

Two extended flights around the

Fear grew here that the 21-ton and the six other crewmen. The clipper carried no passengers.

The plane, only an estimated three gunboats on the Yangtze minutes out of Pago Pago, was dump-

ing its gasoline preparatory to landing when last heard from at 8:27 a.m. vesterday (3:27 p.m., E. S. T.) Oil slick was reported found on the

water 12 miles off Tutuila Island. In the same vicinity a column of smoke was reported sighted yesterday.

Last Flight With Clipper.

No further word came from the ship | province. after preparations to land were reported by Capt. Musick, 43-year-old veteran transoceanic aviator. He was on his last flight with the clipper in Pan-American Airways new Honoluluto-New Zealand service.

The naval aircraft tender Avocet put Yellow Sea. out from Pago Pago to maintain a night-long search for flares. After Otaka reopened the Japanese consu- mations intended for distribution to daylight it investigated the reported late at Tsingtao. The Japanese had soldiers and sailors urging them to oil slick in an effort to determine taken over the Tsingtao government rebel against the Salazar government. whether it might mark the Samoan immediately after they occupied it

Clipper's burial ground. At that spot it scheduled a rendezyous with a naval plane piloted by Lt. T. B. Williamson, who made a fruitless 5-hour aerial search yesterday. His take-off was set for dawn

(12:30 P.M., E. S. T.) English officials were reported to have sent out a ship to scour the vance on Suchow, Lunghai railway many islands in nearby British Samoa. Natives throughout all the Samoan in this area of the South Pacific was damaged by bombs, but all Americice on its electrified line between handicapped the search. Requests were cans in the city were said to be safe. Paoli, Pa., and Harrisburg. coming near the islands to join the search and possibly a plea be sent to

Honolulu for the aid of destroyers Absence of word by radio was regarded as foreboding. The Clipper was equipped with kites from which an aerial could be flown to permit her radio to send if she landed on water and transmission was blocked by

Island mountain peaks. The disappearance was the first mishap of any of the Pan-American clippers which have been flying the Pacific (See CLIPPER, Page A-4.)

PARKS NON-SUPPORT

CASE IS SETTLED

D. C. Soda Clerk Has Made "Finan cial Arrangement" With Mrs.

Ryan, Court Told.

By the Associated Press. MORGANTON, N. C., Jan. 12 .- A charge of non-support of an illegitimate child, brought by Mrs. Basil (Pat) Ryan, against Ned A. Parks, Washington soda dispenser, was dismissed in Burke County Court today after Parks' attorney informed the court that "a satisfactory financial

settlement" had been made Parks, 24-year-old former Morgan ton youth who was arrested on a Arctic made "Soviet lake," warrant sworn out by Mrs. Ryan about a month before her marriage to the copper fortune heir, entered a plea of nolo contendere shortly

after court convened. His attorney, J. Ed Butler, sub- Favorable report on bill for liquor sale Betsy Caswell. mitted a judgment which was ac- to 2 a.m. Sundays. cepted by the court and by attorneys Water Department plans studied by Cross-word Puzzle. for Mrs. Ryan, the former Martha House group. Barkley of Morganton, who married German bride goes on first American Winning Contract.

Ryan November 4. Page 12.2 Men's Pashions.

Scene of Clipper Hunt



Map shows the area in the South Pacific in which the Samoan Clipper, trans-pacific flying boat, was forced down with seven men aboard. The huge ship was en route from Pago Pago to New Zealand, and carried no passengers.

CAPT. EDWIN C. MUSICK,

In command.

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by Lisbon Police After

Gun Battle.

LISBON, Jan. 12.-Police today ar-

rested a number of persons they de-

scribed as Communists trying to incite

Among several suspects seized else-

had made "sensational revelations"

about a terrorist organization in Por-

described a serious rift between

Premier Antonio de Oliverio Sala-

zar, Portugal's strong man, and

A printing press, political leaflets and

copies of a newspaper called "Avante"

were seized in the raid on the alleged

According to the police account

secret agents trailed "a certain well

known person" carrying a suitcase to

the building in the Rue Beneficia. He

was arrested on the doorstep, and the

Police said other Communists saw

the arrest from a third floor apart-

ment and set the house aftre to destroy

Pennsy Extends Line.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12 (AP).-The

they reached the main apartment.

officers of the regular army.

Communist headquarters.

Uncensored reports to Gibralta

tugal with connections abroad

headquarters

U. S. ENVOY READY FOR FLIGHT AGAIN

Johnson Prepares to Move to Chungking if Japan Attacks Hankow.

BACKGROUND-

Japanese conquerors of North China have set up autonomous regime in Peiping composed of Chinese sympathetic to Japanese interest. Name of metropolis changed back to Peking. Their armies have swept into Shantung, conquering the capital, Tsinan, and advancing toward Tsingtao, which has surrendered to Japanese fleet which sailed into the harbor after the Chinese troops had abandoned the city

By the Associated Press. HANKOW, Jan. 12.-In anticipation of a possible flight of the Chinese Observers here pointed out that the foreign office and other government Dunedin reports may have followed a departments from Hankow, United States Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson today sent Chinese members of his em-

> bassy staff to Chungking to arrange living quarters. Chungking. in Szechwan Province, "Communists" Are Arrested nearly 900 miles up the winding Yangtze River from Hankow and nearly 1,500 miles from the coast, already is the seat of Lin Sen. President of the

Ambassador Johnson said he had no intention of moving to Chungking un-Islands were made late yesterday and less and until China's foreign office the naval plane returned to Pago Pago moves there, and there was no sign

such was imminent. However, if military operations flying boat's gasoline caught fire should compel the Ambassador to leave Navy. as it was being dumped into the Pa- Hankow—as he left Nanking before cific Ocean and exploded, killing its its capture by the Japanese last month ace commander, Capt. Edwin Musick, -he and his staff were prepared to proceed to Chungking aboard the Tutuila, smallest of the American Navy's

to remain here whether the Japanese

take Hankow or not

Shantung Rule Planned Meanwhile, the Japanese-dominated provisional government at Peiping planned to keep pace with Japan's North China armies by taking over control of Shantung, China's "sacred"

Reports through Japanese channels told of the plan under which the Peiping regime would assume collection of taxes in the Province of 34,-000,000 population and receipt of customs at Tsingtao, rich port on the

Japanese Consul General Shojiro suitcase was found to be full of procla-

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WASHINGTON AND VICINITY.

Further prosecution of Senate

tempt case abandoned.

Japanese forces driving south from Tsinan, provincial capital, and through the area around the birthplace of Confucius, captured Tsining. The city's fall opened the way for a swift adpoint 100 miles to the south.

Tsining was occupied after an air give way Saturday to the swish of the Islands were asked to post lookouts on bombardment and hand-to-hand fight- electric locomotive as the Pennsylmountain peaks. Absence of ships ing. The Southern Baptist mission vania Railroad opens passenger serv-

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House Votes Roosevelt Right to Strike Out Certain Appropriations.

POWER IS DELEGATED BY CHANGE IN BILL

Vandenberg Considers Resolution for Amending Constitution to Give Authority.

BACKGROUND-

Favorite device for sneaking through pieces of generally undesirable legislation has been that of attaching them to appropriation bills. With President unable to veto parts of bill and fearful of vetoing entire appropriation measure, rider usually became law as result. In message to Congress, President Roosevelt asked power of item veto.

By the Associated Press. President Roosevelt's request for authority to veto individual items in appropriation bills encountered opposition in the Senate today after an initial victory in the House.

The House voted to provide the authority by an amendment to the \$1,414,968,515 independent offices appropriation bill, which it passed yesterday and sent to the Senate. The bill followed the President's recommendations for a \$44,000,000 slash below this year's funds.

Meanwhile, a Senate judiciary subcommittee fixed January 21 as the date for public hearings on the Vandenberg resolution to write the item veto power over appropriation bills into he Constitution.

Senator Austin, Republican, of Vermont refrained from expressing any Washington are causing interest in opinion on the merits of the item veto. but said there was some doubt of the validity of the Woodrum amendment, which seeks to delegate that power to the President by a legisla- asked by The Star how rackets could tive act without constitutional amend-

"We might as well face the fact." laws were needed? Senator Vandenberg had said earlier. The veteran Republican leader legal authorities agree this change would require a constitutional amendment.

Glass Favors Amendment. Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia said he favored such an amendment. Senator Adams, Democrat, of Colorado called the House proposal "an effort to evade existing constitutional provisions'

a revolt in the Portuguese Army and Senator Byrnes, Democrat, of South Carolina on the other hand, said he would favor the House legislation if Many of the arrests were made after it would accomplish the purpose, but a pistol battle in a burning house, said added he would have to study it furto have been the main Communist ther.

they would fight the whole idea of where was a woman who police said vetoing individual appropriations on the ground it would be an invasion

of congressional power. Mr. Roosevelt asked for the authority either by constitutional amendment or ordinary legislation-whichever

Congress deemed proper. Position Under Present System.

Under the present system, in order to block an undesired appropriation of \$1,000,000, the President might be forcea to veto a \$1,000,000,000 bill providing other funds which might be

needed immediately If authorized to cut out or reduce an individual item, he could approve the remainder of the bill. The House proposal would let Congress disagree

with any changes within 60 days, The House, in approving funds for independent Federal agencies in the fiscal year beginning next July 1, added \$150,000 to the recommended \$37,087,000 appropriation for the evidence. Police and a fire brigade Tennessee Valley Authority. Efforts had a pistol fight on the stairs before to replace a \$123,000,000 cut in C. C. C. funds failed, as did other attempts

to change the bill's provisions. Reports Budget Figure Cut.

Representative Ludlow, Democrat of Indiana, floor manager of the appuffing of the old "iron horse" will propriation bills for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, which will be considered tomorrow, said his subcommittee had approved "a big cut" in the budget figures.

The Senate still was listening to

Southern members talk against the anti-lynching bill. Senator Byrnes told his colleagues yesterday, "The Negro has come into control of the Democratic party.' Page A-3 He said the South has remained loya Comics B-14-15 Serial Story B-9 Five persons flee Fourteenth street to that party because it believed Fage A-5 Northern Democrats would support it

> Page B-1 and the very soul of the South arose.' Tells of Opposition Gain. Senator Connally, Democrat, of Texas, leader of the opposition, said Page B-1 the Southerners "have picked up several votes" since the filibuster began Republican Leader McNary declared, however, the Southerners "are about out of speakers" and predicted

a vote on the bill next week.

when "problems affecting the Negro

Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, who has made one long speech against the bill, said he did not "want to do anything that will interfere with President Roosevelt's legislaion."

CONDITION OF CARDOZO "NOT QUITE SO GOOD"

Page A-18 Hoped-For Improvement by Justice Fails to Develop,

> Doctor Says. The condition of Justice Benjamin morning," the attending physician, Dr.

Page A-9 11 a.m. today. This followed a bulletin last night Page B-8 in which Dr. Earnest said "the im-Page B-8 provement in the justice's condition

Actress Forfeits Speeding Bond. LOS ANGELES Jan 12 (AP) -Lille Page B-14 during the day."

Lee's speeding charge was marked off granite and sandstone dumped along the 67-year-old member of the Su
Lee's speeding charge was marked off granite and sandstone dumped along the 67-year-old member of the Su
the court calendar today, the actress the shore. Peddlers' carts and an oc
minority of business men whom he Page B-15 preme Court is suffering from shingles voluntarily forfeiting a 30 bond by casional truck houl the marble pieces away to the scurptors' flats.



Thinks D. C. Police Could Check Rackets if They Tried.

By CARTER BROOKE JONES. The Star's articles discussing the numbers racket as a source of crime and a menace to good government in

official circles. Senator Borah of Idaho, who denounced crime in the Capital on the floor of the Senate a few days ago, was be run out of Washington and crime reduced. Did he think more stringent

pointed out that detailed study of the District criminal

"I'm inclined to think that rather (See NUMBERS, Page A-3.)



SENATOR BORAH.

ation Would Turn Funds

Over to University.

The trustees of the George Washing-

The association, which was repre-

Incorporated in 1898.

The organization was incorporated

A great number of persons through

In 1913 Congress granted the ass

Congress Took Back Land.

Because of the failure of the or-

ganization to build a memorial, Con-

gress took back the land and has now

granted it to the Smithsonian Institu-

tion. The National Art Gallery, made

possible by the late Andrew Mellon,

The trustees said they decided to

George Washington University because

of "the character and high standing

of its scholastic work, because of its

location in the National Capital and

The fund now is in the hands of

American Security & Trust Co., as

The board of trustees of George

SCULPTORS COMB BEACH

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP).-Many

Manhattan sculptors, too poor to buy

marble through commercial channels,

became beachcombers along the East

ings was being dumped to make the

fill for the East River drive.

601.20 has been spent.

later was abandoned.

will be erected there.

of George Washington.

George Washington.

it to accept the gift.

trustee

BILL SPED TO EASE | MEMORIAL GROUP D. C. LIQUOR LAWS SEEKS DISSOLUTION

Some Senators declared privately Plan to Permit Sale Until George Washington Associ-2 A.M. Sunday Backed by House Group.

> Charging that taxicab drivers and others are bootlegging tax-paid liquor ton Memorial Association petitioned after the midnight closing of bars on District Court today for dissolution of Saturday night, the House District the organization and permission to

> Committee today tentatively ordered give its permanent fund, now totaling a favorable report on a bill that would \$232,043.48, to George Washington permit the sale of liquor by the drink University. in hotels, restaurants and night clubs until 2 a.m. on Sundays. A special effort will be made to rush | the court it was convinced its plan for the measures through Congress in erection here of a \$2,000,000 George

> time to benefit the hotel bars on the Washington Memorial Auditorium was night of the President's birthday ball, impractical, and had been abandoned. January 29. The bill, sponsored by Representative Dirksen, Republican, of Illinois, September 15, 1898, "to aid in securing was flatly turned down by the Dis-

trict Committee at the last regular session of Congress, largely because of vigorous protests by dry leaders. ton * * *" Proprietors of the leading hotels also opposed the measure at that time.

Says Views Changed. Mr. Dirksen said owners of the

leading hotels have since changed their views, and explained they are facing a big expense in connection with the President's birthday ball and will be unable to "recoup" unless permitted to sell liquor until 2 a.m. on Sundays. "That probably has something to do with their change of and Seventh streets N.W. for erecmind," he declared.

Bootlegging, especially by taxi drivers, was given by Mr. Dirksen, however, as the principal reason for urging action on the bill.

"I have been told," he declared, "there is a considerable business going on in bottled goods by taxi drivers after the regular closing hours."

Chairman Palmisano, who opposed the bill last year, said he had withdrawn his opposition after learning there had been considerable violation of the law by "chiselers" and not by

Resale on Streets. "I have been informed these chiselers purchase liquor at bona fide liquor stores and sell it on the street in violation of the law," he declared. "That causes more disturbance than the sale of liquor in a licensed establishment. believe that if the sale of liquor is placed under control of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board there will be

etter enforcement of the law."

Representative Jenckes Democrat of Indiana also voted in favor of reporting the bill. "People are not going home at midnight on Saturday," she said. "We know that. If they are going out on the street after 12 o'clock and mix gasoline with alcohol, t's just too bad.'

Because of the small attendance at the committee meeting, the measure was reported only tentatively, subject to confirmation by other members. N. Cardozo "is not quite so good this Chairman Palmisano was instructed to poll the entire committee, and if River water front today as word Page A-9 John Paul Earnest, jr., reported at the majority favors the bill, it will spread that marble from razed buildbe placed on the House calendar.

A young woman identified as Mrs. Orpha Keeler jumped or fell from the ninth floor of the District National Bank Building, 1406 G street, this afternoon. She fell onto an automobile in a parking lot, but was still alive when she was taken to Emergency Hospital.

BULLETIN

Closer Co-operation Hailed by Sloan at White House.

BACKGROUND-

Sharp business decline of last fall precipitated discussions between administration leaders and spokesmen for various segments of industry. Interrupted by denunciatory speeches of Robert H Jackson and Secretary Ickes, conterence plans seemed abandoned until sudden calling of meeting yesterday at White House.

BULLETIN Secretary of Commerce Roper announced today that 50 prominent business men-members of the administration's advisory councilwould meet with the President January 19 for the second White House conference on business. It was also disclosed that yesterday's conference with five leaders was arranged by an American Federation of Labor leader.

Predictions of closer Governmentbusiness co-operation, made at the White House by five prominent industrialists, encouraged administration officials today in their efforts to stem the recession. sented by Attorney A. K. Shipe, told

Alfred P. Sloan, jr., chairman of the General Motors Corp., acted as spokesman for the business men when they talked to reporters last night after an hour and a half in Mr. Roose-

Mr. Sloan read a brief statement, penciled on two sheets from a small

in the city of Washington the increase of opportunities for higher education. "We have had an interesting and as recommended by George Washingconstructive talk with the President. All of us agree we have a better understanding of each other's probout the country were taken in as lems, out of which we are sure will 70, optional at 65, in lieu of present Contributions, sometimes come closer co-operation in meeting as small as 10 cents, raised the group's treasury account to \$517,463.88, and the difficulties of the moment."

The others nodded assent. They an additional \$305.491.18 in income were: Ernest T. Weir, chairman of from investments increased its rethe National Steel Corp.; M. W sources to \$822,955.06, of which \$600,-Clement, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Colby Chester, chairman of the General Foods Corp. and ciation a tract of land between Sixth chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Lewis Brown, tion of a memorial to the first Presipresident of the Johns-Manville Corp. dent. Construction of the pretentious structure was begun in 1921, but it Mr. Chester, Mr. Weir and Mr Sloan were active members of the American Liberty League, which until the 1936 election opposed Roosevelt

policies.

Richberg at Parley. Donald Richberg, former N. R. A. administrator and now a Washington attorney, also attended the conference He said it had been a "useful" one. Mr. Richberg's presence led to speculation that he might help Mr. Rooseturn over the association's funds to velt shape the message which he intends to send Congress soon on legislation to strengthen anti-trust laws. He frequently has conferred with Mr. Roosevelt on economic

because said university bears the name problems. After Mr. Sloan read his prepared The gift, they said, will best fulfill statement, reporters asked him for the desires of the contributors of the further comment on the busines fund for a suitable memorial to

situation. He replied that there was "a little better feeling today than a month Corcoran Thom, president of the ago." Mr. Weir echoed this statement, adding: "---And there is a shade better business."

"There is no insurmountable con-Washington University has authorized | flict between business and the Government," Mr. Weir continued. "If there were, it would look dark for the

future.' He said Marvin McIntyre, one of the President's secretaries, had invited the industrialists to the White

House. Secretary McIntyre accompanied them to the door of the executive offices when they left at 6:40 p.m. The President, at his press conference earlier, had said the meeting had been arranged after the industrialists had given mutual friends to understand that they would not be Pieces which would cost an artist

\$10, \$25 or even \$50 have been sal- unwilling to talk with him. The President, at that press con

BY RAIL LABOR

Recommends Body Control Domestic Water and Air Transportation.

PROGRAM ADVANCED **BEFORE SENATE QUIZ**

Pelley Says 150,000 Would Be Restored to Jobs With Return of Normal Traffic.

BACKGROUND-For purpose of developing longterm policy of dealing with unemployment relief, Senate last summer voted \$10,000 for special inquiry. When sharp business recession appeared last fall committee directed its attention to immediate conditions and invited leaders of Government, labor and industry to pre-

Railroad labor recommended today that regulatory power of the Interstate Commerce Commission be extended to domestic water and air transportation and that railroad freight and passenger rates be increased, contingent on earmarking of added revenue for

a five-point program submitted to the Senate Unemployment Committee by A F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Earlier at today's session J. J. Pelley president of the Association of American Railroads, estimated this country's railroads could put 150,000 men to work if railroad revenues climb back to normal. He added that a freight rate increase would bring an immedi-

ate increase in employment. Program Is Presented. The railroad labor program as pie-

sented follows: "1. That Federal regulation through the Interstate Commerce Commission, be extended to cover domestic water and air transportation, and with early and complete enforcement of Motor Carrier Act to eliminate unfair competition, and competition of subsidized

transportation. Railroads must pay 8 cents in taxes for every dollar they receive, while their competitors on the highways pay only about 3 cents, and their competitors on the waterways pay next to nothing. This inequality should be corrected. The :ailroads contribute so much to employment and national purchasing power, buying 19 per cent of our fuel oil cutput. absorbing 17 per cent of total iron and steel output of the country, 23 per cent of our national output of bituminous coal, and 16 per cent of the total timber cut (this figure would be increased to above 20 per cent if indirect purchases were included), that sound economic policy requires

an adjustment of this situation "2. That an increase in freight rates and passenger fares be authorized contingent upon this increased revenue being earmarked for use in effecting economies and improving operations and service through the purchase of

Behind in Maintenance. "The railways claim they are \$1 .-000,000.000 behind in their maintenance and increased revenues should be proportionately used for labor and materials to the end that this deficiency be absorbed as rapidly as pos-

sible

equipment materials and supplies.

"3. That the Government continue to handle mail contracts with railways instead of diverting this business to motor truck transportation. "4. Revise the Undistributed Profits

Tax Act so as to permit roads to make provision in good years to carry them through depression years. "5. Amend the Retirement Act and provide for compulsory retirement at

provision. During his appearance before the committee, Mr. Pelley explained that

(See UNEMPLOYMENT, Page A-4.)

PARIS PLANS 2 SHIPS AS ANSWER TO ITALY

Construction of 42,000-Ton Battleships Is Considered to Meet Threat.

By the Associated Press. PARIS. Jan. 12.-Members of the Chamber of Deputies' Navy Committee declared today that the French government is considering construction of two 42,000-ton battleships to meet the threat of Italy's new naval building

program. Conferences of the naval general staff, Cesar Campinchi, minister of the navy, and the chamber's committee were said to have resulted in a decision to build the huge warships provided France's naval bases were adequate to

receive them. The navy has begun a survey of its pases and port facilities to determine

that point. Members of the committee also said all vessels included in the 1938 naval program probably would be laid down

efore spring. When Premier Mussolini announced January 7 that Italy would build two new 35,000-ton battleships, the Roma and Impero, members of the committee said France must "reply" thereto.

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sent theories and opinions. By JOHN C. HENRY. equipment and labor expenditures. The recommendations were part of